

# The Liberal Democrat

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## A Shooting Scrape

A shooting scrape took place in the Harwood community Sunday night about 10 o'clock, and as a result Robert Dobbs is now laid up sprinkled with a liberal amount of No. 4 shot, and Whit Smith is in charge of the sheriff. It seems that the trouble started over family affairs, the particulars of which we have not learned. From reports, it seems that Dobbs opened fire on Smith and John Lyman with a rifle, and Lyman is carrying a small flesh wound in the shoulder from a bullet. Dobbs fired several shots at the other two men, and Smith claims he fired in self defense. He came to town and gave himself up to sheriff Dobson as soon as the deed was done. He is under a thousand dollar bond to appear before Justice Millman for preliminary trial. Smith has sworn out a warrant against Dobbs for assault with intent to kill, and Dobbs has been placed under arrest, but is at his home pending recovery from his wounds. He has a good chance to recover at the time this is written, and both men will no doubt have their trial in a few days.

A. F. Gorman and Bruce Creek of the Southwestern Hardware company, were among the interested spectators at the tractor show in Hutchinson last week.

Editor Harvey W. Hill of Gray was here on business this week. Mr. Hill says the recent booster trip is still echoing down that way, and the good people around Gray will never forget it.

Harry Sinclair left Monday with a car of household goods for Bentonville, Arkansas, where the family will make their home from now on. Mrs. Sinclair and Miss Irene left Tuesday for the same place.

W. R. King arrived Saturday from Comanche, Texas, to accompany his wife home, who has spent some time at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lula Newman, of the Eureka community.

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## Myrle Spradling Killed

A telegram was received Sunday by Mrs. J. B. Spradling bringing the sad intelligence that her son, Clyde Myrle, had that day been killed in a motorcycle accident. The body arrived Wednesday and interment was made in the Liberal cemetery.

Clyde Myrle Spradling was born in Sylvia, Kansas, February 7, 1889. He lived with his parents in Sylvia until 15 years of age, he worked three years in Hutchinson, and came to Liberal with the other members of the family in 1907. In 1909 he joined the United States navy, in which he served until last March, when he resigned to accept a position as motorcycle police at Lake Forest, Illinois. He was first master at arms in the navy at the time of his resignation. It seems that there were a number of joy-riders on his beat on the day he was killed, and he was traveling south on his machine at the rate of 40 miles an hour trying to keep track of some speeders; an automobile traveling east came around a bunch of trees, and before he could stop he had run into it with such force that death was the result. Death was instantaneous, and the accident was of such nature that embalming was impossible and no church funeral could be held after the body arrived. C. W. Waltenhof, acting mayor of Lake Forest, accompanied the body to Liberal.

This death has been doubly sad by reason of its unexpectedness, and the fact that Myrle intended to come to Liberal in a few weeks on a visit to his mother and relatives. Mrs. Spradling was prostrated with grief when she first heard the sad news.

A short burial service was held by Rev. Bolton at the grave, and the body was laid to rest amid a huge floral offering. The friends of the Spradling family join us in extending the hand of sympathy in their hour of sadness.

Mrs. O. T. Wood arrived from Topeka Tuesday night. She will spend some time here with relatives and friends.

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Mrs. R. L. Howsley of Guymon was here on business Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. J. I. Bunyard of Tyrone returned Saturday from Stillwater, Oklahoma. They intend to move to the latter place this fall and send their son to the state college located there.

Mrs. J. M. Volles returned Tuesday to her home in Guymon, after spending a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wall. Gerald Wall accompanied her home.

Mrs. Edie Ballenger, son and daughter, who have spent a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Curtis returned Saturday to their home in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laughrin of Beaver returned Tuesday from Kansas City, where Mr. Laughrin underwent an operation. Mr. Laughrin is getting along nicely. They were driven from here to Beaver by Miss Maude Thomas of the Beaver Herald.

In the country around Liberal, Kansas, this season, crop of every kind are the best in several years. G. S. Bailey, speaking about that part of the short grass territory, says that the good year in 1914 followed by bumper crops this year, will cause a sudden demand for lands. "It is plain to any one who studies the situation, that since we went into stock farming that we are making larger dividends on our lands than those who live in high priced land territory," he said. --Kansas City Drovers Telegram.

Dr. Higginbotham, specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat, in Liberal Saturdays.

Dr. Chas. Wehr enjoyed a couple days visit, the first of the week, from his mother, Mrs. Margaret Wehr, of Webster, Iowa, and his cousin, Mrs. Ida Martin, of Albert, Kansas.

Misses Della and Voda Vickers of Carney, Oklahoma, stopped off here the first of the week to spend a few days at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Vickers, while on their return from the Pacific coast.

D. A. Henry dropped into the city the last of the week to spend a few days with his family and friends. Don has recently been engaged in inspecting the books and accounts of the federal revenue officers who have defrauded the government out of huge sums of money, and states there is a squad of crooks headed toward the Atlanta pen.

The sinking of the steamer Eastland at Chicago Saturday will undoubtedly prevent the repeal of the Seaman's bill, which the large shipping interests have sought to have repealed, even urging a special session of congress for that purpose. The Secretary of Commerce has three letters on file from the Eastland's owners protesting against this bill, and that the bill was aimed against boats of its kind is good evidence that it should remain a law. Over a thousand people lost their lives when the Eastland capsized.

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